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Sir:

This statement in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 is intended to serve as a representation that the art listed on the attached form PTO-1449 in connection with the above-identified patent application, includes in the opinion of the above-named applicants and the undersigned, the closest relevant art of which they are aware. This statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, though a search is typically made, or that no more relevant (better) art exists. Applicants make no admission that all the references presented herewith are prior art to the claimed invention.

In this reissue application, the most relevant art referred to is in the file of the original patent. The Japanese reference JP 7-136470 transmitted herewith was cited in the corresponding Australian patent application; the Chiemchaisiri et reference was referred to in U.S. Patent No. 5,248,424 cited in the office action to which a response is included herewith; U.S. Patent No. 5,209,852 to Sunaoka et al was referred to in the original U.S. Patent 5,783,083 as an example of the conventional use, at that time, of a vertical skein in a pressure vessel. Other such "conventional" examples are described in the U.S. Patents cited in the attached response but only

copies of U.S. Patents Nos. 4,576,875 and 4,775,471 are provided herewith, as further examples.

Note that the copy of JP 7-136470 is a side-by-side machine translation which is all that is available at this time. A complete "human" translation will be presented as soon as it is available.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) this Statement is being filed after the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) but before the mailing date of either a final action or a Notice of Allowance.

Enclosed is a check covering the fee (\$ 240.00) set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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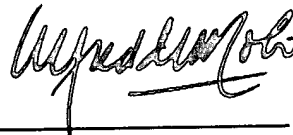
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